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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig et al

Serial No.: 10/039,618

Filing Date: 1/4/2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
GENERATING ROUTES FOR GROUPS
OF NODE CONFIGURATIONS.

Examiner: Sun J. Lin

Group Art Unit: 2825

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 10/9/2003, attached please find:

1. An Amendment and Response to Office Action;
2. A Petition for Extension of Time;
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4. A Credit Card Payment Form;
5. A Form PTO-1449;
6. Previously Submitted Forms PTO-1449.

If this amendment is deemed late, applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time needed. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1128.

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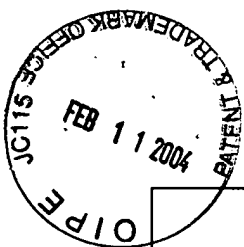
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TOTAL CLAIMS	* - 20 =	*	x \$18.00	\$*
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

15 In response to the Office Action dated 10/9/2003, please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.